pleasurably seek to give here. "Ideas rule the world absolutely;" but they never rule more effectually or more lastingly than when they appeal to the emotional nature. Sternly rational ideas on which the judgment stamps the seal of approbation are necessary; but they are inert in comparison with the momentum of vivid sentiment, they move nothing, not even themselves; they lack life; they lack the luxury of sentiment, of enthusiasm, of inspiration, of poetry, and consequently have no kinship with man's best consciousness. Therefore is is true that, given the luxuries of life, we can dispense with its necessaries.

Mr. Nehrling seems to have a message to deliver. If this be so, and the message he brings be a true one, he will not want for hearers. If we may whisper a word of suggestion, thus early in the course of his study, it would be to keep the technicalities of the subject in the background, wholly subordinated to the main plot. His forte is the life of birds, not their dead bodies, still less their checkered synonyms. A very little such pig-iron will be ballast enough to keep things snug and trim. A terse identifiable description and one select scientific name are all the formality this history needs to stand upon, for the rest let it use wings.

With our author are the fruitful results of much personal experience, thought and feeling, shapen with a living pen. We recall no other one who has written so well in a foreign language. It makes us wish we could follow him with equal ease and pleasure in his mother tongue. For his work enjoys the distinction, perhaps singular in American ornithological literature, of original composition and simultaneous appearance both in English and in German. This argues a faith in his audience which we trust the event will justify when the publisher shall have brought his enterprise to successful conclusion. We may then return to the subject. This preliminary notice must be scarcely more than a word of encouragement, commendation and hearty welcome. Were we in more critical or fastidious mood, the plates of the work might feel the prick of the pen, unless we should keep in mind the price at which they are offered to the public.—E. C.

Minor Ornithological Publications.—In the last few years the Country has been almost flooded by 'amateur' periodicals devoted to natural history, especially to oölogy. Some of these are the productions of youthful collectors whose good intentions are only equalled by their ignorance. Others are issued largely as advertising mediums by dealers in specimens and 'curiosities.' They contain much matter that is unreliable, owing to inexperience and perhaps occasionally to dishonesty on the part of the writers. There is more which relates to well-known habits of common birds, and though extremely useful to the beginners in ornithology who make up the bulk of the readers, is of no scientific importance. Among all this chaff there are nevertheless here and there items of considerable interest and value which ought not to be overlooked.

One of the best of these journals, The Sunny South Oölogist, edited and published by Edwin C. Davis at Gainesville, Texas, although it showed

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1492. The Blue Grosbeak. By J. A. Singley. Ibid., p. 9.-Nesting habits.

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- 1513. A Day with the Fish Hawks on Seven Mile Beach. By C. S. Schick. Ibid., pp. 13-15.—Various species noted breeding on the New Jersey coast.
- 1514. Tufted Titmonse. By J. W. Jacobs. Ibid., p. 15.—Including a note on Molothrus ater.
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